roads and fencing, increase in the number of OP Towers, provision of 'surveillance equipments and hight vision devices etc. The matter has also been taken up with the Government of Bangladesh on various occasions.

Agreement with Thailand

8015. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI G. PRATHAPPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently signed any agreement with Thailand; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof, including the areas in which both the countries have agreed to cooperate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) No Agreement has been signed recently with the Government of Thailand by this Ministry. However, initiatives have been taken for obtaining co-operation on an on-going basis to take effective action against various negative elements.

Monkeys in NDMC Areas

8016. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether NDMC have enrolled people to catch monkeys in NDMC area;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme of catching monkeys and what modus operandi is used therein;

(c) the number of persons employed for this purpose; and

(d) the number of monkeys caught by these persons and what was the disposal thereof, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THI MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR P. M. SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The New Delhi Municipa Council uses monekey-traps for cat ching monkeys. The monkey tra was acquired by NDMC during 1994 95.

(c) One chowkidar has been dep loyed for this purpose.

(d) The number of monkeys sc trapped during last three years i 148. These were taken to distant places outside Delhi and released.

Violation of Human Rights by Para military Forces in Assam Nagaland an Kashmir

8017. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving representations from the people of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Kashmir regarding the alleged violation of human right by the Indian army and police forces in the fake name of combing operations on terrorists; and

(b) if so, what are the details of Government's instructions being issued to authorities concerned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Allega tions of human rights violations by the members of the Army and polic forces have been made from time to time in the States of Assam, Naga land, Manipur and Kashmir. When ever complaints of excesses by mem bers of Army and police forces ar received, enquiries are conducted and action taken against them, i they are found guilty. State Govern ments have been requested from

time to time to sentisise the police personnel on Human Rights matters and impress upon them that violator of human rights would be punished according to law. Emphasis is also being made on the training of police personnel on human rights. The army Headquarters has set up a Human Rights Cell. Similar Cells have also been established in the command and Coorps Headquarters level in the concerned areas. The instructions have also been issued by the Chief of army staff in November, 1993 to the troops involved in counter insurgency operations.

ReprOesentaation against Continance of TADA

8018. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of associations and organisations which represented against the continuance of TADA;

(b) the specific grounds made out against TADA by them;

(c) whether Government have verified their grounds, for abolition of TADA; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Activities of ISI Agents

8019. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the activities of ISI agents, in collaboration with fundamentalists, on the international border at Karimganj in Assam, as per the intelligence reports;

(b) whether it is a fact that the fundamentalists are having closed door meetings with ISI activists, in boosting separatism among the people there; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have reports that meetings between Pak ISI functionaries and anti-national elements have been taking place from time to time.

(c) Government have taken several steps which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, border fencing, intensification of border patrolling, supply of equipments for effective observation during day and night increase in number of Nakas as well as sensitising and alerting the State Government regarding movements of Pak ISI agents, anti-national elements and insurgents. In addition, Government have been continuously apprising friendly countries about the continuous support in terms of equipment, arms and training given by Pakistan to terrorists in India. It has been made clear that the Government is committed to safeguarding India's national interest and ensuring its territorial integrity.

Transfer of Officers in Oil Corporations

8020. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the duration of stay of an Officer of Oil Corporations at a particular station/division;

(b) whether the Officers are transferred from one division to another after their promotion, in order to gain experience of other divisions; and